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STRICT REGULATIONS GOVERN UNLOADING OF RAILROAD CARS

Twenty-four Hours Given Consignees to Remove Loads

TO BE STRICTLY ENFORCED

With stock rooms and yards of the American Steel and Wire company at Donora piled high with finished stuff ready for shipment, some of the railroad men are puzzled by the slowness of movement on consignments from the mill yards. Cars loaded and ready to leave are held up for several days waiting consignment orders.

In the meantime the American Steel and Wire company has more unfilled orders on its books at the present time than for many months previously. According to the railroad ruling cars must be unloaded in record time at all places in this district. Local railroad officials are insisting on a strict enforcement of what is known as service order No. 7 issued by the Interstate Commerce Commission, which requires that the consignee of coal has but twenty-four hours in which to unload coal cars after they have been placed. It is contended that a strict application of the order will very materially increase the number of available cars. In applying the order preference is accorded the movement of empty cars as well as those that are loaded over all classes of freight other than live stock, perishable and foodstuffs.

The order is mandatory and must be enforced, officials advise employees, and failure to observe the order will result in an embargo being placed against the consignee concerned.

The 24-hour period begins immediately when the cars are placed by the company whether it be in the night or on Sunday, and officials hope that consignees will be ready at all times to begin unloading as soon as cars are unloaded, so that it will not be necessary in any case to enforce the embargo.

PAID PROMISED ON ILLEGAL LIQUOR SELLERS

It is hoped that before long the prohibition Commission will be able to locate the Monongahela valley some time soon on a hunt for liquor. Whether the liquor is sold in the open or in a back room, it is known that the illegal home-steam on Saturday afternoon last and cleaned up a large number of saloons and hotels which were dispensing something more than soft drinks. Many hundreds of cases of liquor were confiscated and carried away in this raid, which was made quite suddenly on all places mentioned.

Auxiliary Meeting
A meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Charleroi Hospital will be held this evening at 7:30 o'clock at the branch building. By order of the President.

MAKING GOOD PROGRESS ON DONORA CONCRETE ROAD

The contractor in charge of the repair and improvement of the road between Donora and Monongahela is making good progress with the work. The concrete is finished on the lower end to the site of old Baird station, while on the other end it is completed to the site of the old Baird mansion, leaving a gap of possibly less than a half mile to be finished. With a continuation of favorable weather this contract should be finished by the middle of August at least.

MAGGABEES ENJOY SPLENDID OUTING

The Lady Maggabees of the valley had a splendid outing at Eldora park last Thursday, July 15. In spite of the rain of the morning there were about 4,000 people in attendance, most of them coming during the afternoon and evening. Large crowds were present from Brownsville, Fayette City, Belle Vernon, Monessen, Uniontown, Charleroi and Donora, as well as from a number of other places. Charleroi had the largest delegation. Every person was lodged as they entered the grounds, a small tag with the name of the town being used for this purpose. During the afternoon and evening there was dancing and a cake walk featured each session. A fine program was also given. At the close of the day, the events beginning at 7:00 in the afternoon. The program included a fat woman's race, a woman's race, a wheelbarrow race for boys, several races for girls and a watermelon race. Prizes were given the winners in all of these events.

A special feature of the day was the election of a new queen. Charleroi Review took over twice for the best doll. Belle Vernon second and Donora third. The election was held in the largest class of candidates. The day was a most enjoyable one to those who took part in the festivities.

A group of visitors from a distance were met by Nellie E. Long, secretary of the Charleroi Review, at the entrance to the park. The group included a fat woman's race, a woman's race, a wheelbarrow race for boys, several races for girls and a watermelon race. Prizes were given the winners in all of these events.

SIDEWHEEL PACKET IN FREIGHT BUSINESS

The side-wheel packet, a small motor launch, brought to Pittsburgh some weeks ago for the purpose of entering the packet trade on the Monongahela river, is freighting and tubing from Woodlawn where the Jones & Laughlin mills are located to Pittsburgh.

WANTED—Will pay \$100 for the first 10 copies of the Mail for June 19. Inquire at Mail Office.

REPORTED SALE OF BIG COKE PLANT

A telegram from Pottstown, Pa., on Saturday said that in order to have a coke supply for its blast furnaces at that place the Eastern Steel company has purchased from the Tower Hill Connellsville Coke company 460 acres near Brownsville, in which are 320 coke ovens with a capacity of 25,000 tons per month.

Uniontown officials of the Tower Hill Connellsville Coke company had not been notified on Saturday of the sale of the plot referred to. It was assumed that if the sale had not actually been made an understanding had been reached between J. H. Hillman, Jr., and the Eastern Steel company, whereby the furnaces could secure the output of the No. 1 plant. Mr. Hillman recently acquired a controlling interest in the Tower Hill company and a merger of all his properties is understood now to be under way, increasing the capital stock from 9,000,000 to 33,000,000. Mr. Hillman is the largest independent operator in the Connellsville field.

WORKMAN KILLED ON HIGH TENSION

Thomas Marshal, aged 35, an employee of the West Penn Power company, was electrocuted while at work in Monongahela on Sunday. The accident happened about 11:30 a. m. while Marshal was at work on top of a pole near the sub-station at the corner of Chess and Second streets. He came in contact with a high tension line of 2,200 volts, which proved fatal. He was taken to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Marshal on Park avenue, in Monongahela, and the funeral will take place on Tuesday. The deceased is survived by his parents, one brother and three sisters. Mrs. Leslie Sheldahl, of Indianapolis, Ind.; Mrs. James Foster, of Warren, Ohio; and Mrs. Edward Crall of Monongahela.

QUAKES IN LOS ANGELES INCREASING

The earthquakes reported from Los Angeles, and which occurred in the last night, were the latest in a series of quakes which have been reported from that city. The quakes are now reported to be increasing in frequency. Los Angeles made great strides during the past ten years, and is now the largest city on the Pacific coast, but if there is a recurrence of these "shakes" the increase in population from this time is not so rapid.

Notice
Foreign and Patriotic Americans. From members is requested to attend our regular meeting to be held Tuesday July 20th at 7:30 sharp. Business of importance. By order of the Council.

Don—To Mr. and Mrs. John D. Hall of 425 Washington avenue—daughter, July 19.

DONORA HAMPERED BY LACK OF ROADS

Donora citizens are complaining, and justly, that they are practically shut from the outside world at the present time, because of conditions over which they have no control. They cannot use the river bridge for auto or truck service because it is closed for repairs, and their only outlet is through the country past Eldora and on to the ridge road leading from Charleroi to Monongahela. This latter highway is all right in good weather, but in a rainy season it is hard to navigate. However, the citizens down there are hoping that within the next month there may be a radical change in the situation, and that they may again have communication with the outside world restored.

SAY RED CARDS ARE A MENACE TO TRADE

Down in Donora, where the police are placing red tags on automobiles for alleged violations of borough regulations, business men are making a protest, saying the system only serves to drive trade away from the town. Monessen has the same complaint, it being alleged that strict parking regulations in that town have driven trade to Donora and Charleroi. The tagging of cars in Charleroi appears to have ceased altogether, as no penalties were imposed upon those charged with violations of regulations.

DONORA RECEIVING MANY FOREIGNERS

It is reported that each afternoon train now arriving in Donora brings quite a number of newly landed foreigners, the majority coming to the steel town to join their families. It is said that this being their first opportunity to see their families since the end of the war. Many of the new arrivals are the sons and daughters of men who were employed in Donora for some time.

Q. C. CANCELS ALL ITS EXCURSIONS

The Erie Railroad has canceled all its excursion business. This step was taken for the purpose of saving the road's facilities for the handling of freight and passenger business. The excursion business has already been contracted for and will be run as scheduled.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McCook, of Pottstown, Pa., are to be married at Coburn, Ontario, Canada, where they attended the wedding of Miss Margaret McCook to Dr. Edward McCague of Pittsburgh.

Mr. John G. Collier, of the Charleroi Hospital, is now in the hospital for treatment.

Use the Classified Columns.

SALE OF COAL MAY INDICATE COMPLETION OF CHARTERS SOUTHERN

WILL SHIP COAL TO LAKE ERIE PORTS

Plans for increased car service to Lake Erie ports, to prevent all possibility of a coal famine this coming winter in the northwestern states were agreed upon at a conference on Friday between the Association of Railway Executives and the National Coal Association, which held a joint session in Washington. The plan will be submitted on Monday to the Interstate Commerce Commission for approval and the issuance of necessary orders to put it in effect on all railroads.

BOLD EFFORT TO SUBSTITUTE SUGAR

A bold effort of a Chicago manufacturer to flood Pennsylvania with a liquid sugar "substitute" composed entirely of saccharine, has been uncovered by the bureau of agriculture. Several days ago northwestern section of the state was flooded with literature from a Chicago firm advertising "Sacho," a liquid composition of saccharin, glycerin, and other ingredients, designed to displace sugar as a sweetening agent.

Saccharin is a harmful drug which cannot be used in any food preparation in Pennsylvania, is banned by the provisions of the Act of May 13, 1909, and the supreme court has declared in connection with the law that it is illegal to sell any article used or intended to be used, as an ingredient of food that is harmful to health.

Augustine R. Mountsen.

Augustine R. Mountsen, aged 81 years, died Sunday, July 17, at 4:30 a. m. at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Albert J. Walker, Elizabeth, Pa. He was born in Northampton, England and came to Pennsylvania when nine years of age. His youth was spent near West Newton, Pa., where he lived in Belle Vernon and he was one of the first residents of Charleroi. He was married to Mrs. Victoria DeMann, who died in September 1917. He was a life member of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he was for many years a trustee. He is survived by the following children: S. D. Mountsen of Pottsville, Pa.; P. Carl Mountsen of Charleroi; Robert Mountsen and Mrs. Michael Mountsen of New York; Mrs. John J. Mountsen of Pottsville, Pa.; and Mrs. Albert J. Walker of Elizabeth, Pa. Funeral services will be held at a public funeral home on Monday evening, July 19, at the home of the daughter, Mrs. Albert J. Walker, in Elizabeth, Pa. Interment Thursday morning at 10 o'clock in the Belle Vernon cemetery.

I will collect for you, positively. Advance and guarantee no vacancy. Mrs. Clyde R. Cline, 215 McKean ave., Charleroi, Pa. 215 McKean ave. 215 McKean ave.

800 Acres of Coal Land on This Line Bought by Hillman Interests

PRICE PAID IS \$405 PER ACRE

Prospects that the Charters Southern Railroad may finally be completed is found in the sale of a large acreage of the Pittsburgh vein of coal in Somerset township to the Hillman interests of Pittsburgh. The Charters Southern extends from VanEman station on the Panhandle near Canonsburg to Marianna, and the road bed was constructed some years ago as well as the various bridge piers and a tunnel under Egg Nog hill near Glyde.

The tract of coal which has changed hands recently comprises an area of 800 acres and is along the line of Charters Southern. The fact that the deal was made is evidence to many that the prospects for the completion of the railroad are very good, else the Hillman interests would not have made such a large investment. The price at which the coal changed hands is said to have been 405 per acre.

The construction work on the Charters Southern was pushed with great vigor at the time and it was presumed that the road would be completed in due time. After the grading had all been completed and the concrete abutments erected for the various bridges, work suddenly ceased. For a long time nothing has been done on the road, and weeds have grown up all over the right of way.

When construction work on the road was under way it was given out that much of the coal from the Marianna district would be sent to market over this railroad, emptying being taken south over the M. & W. by way of Bendleyville and Ellsworth. It is possible also that should the road be completed further extensions would likely be made into the Ten Mile district in the vicinity of Charleroi and Jefferson, where large coal deposits are now under lease. If the road is completed it will develop a large virgin coal in Washington county.

W. C. T. U. HOLD INTER-COUNTY INSTITUTE

The W. C. T. U. will hold its annual inter-county institute on Thursday, July 22 in the Lutheran church at Donora. The inter-county organization comprises organizations from Belle Vernon, Monessen, Charleroi, Monongahela, Eldora and Donora. The institute will last one day and two sessions will be held, one in the afternoon at 2:30 and the other in the morning at 7:00. An interesting program has been arranged for both sessions.

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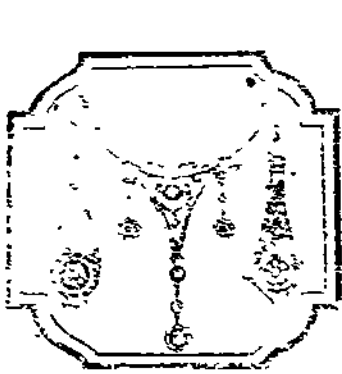
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LOSS OF FOOD ANIMALS.

Startling figures are published showing an enormous loss of food animals every year through exposure to the winter blizzards of the Northwest. It is officially stated that the deaths from exposure and consequent starvation in the winter of 1913-14 included 2,247,000 cattle, 1,900,000 sheep and a vast number of new-born lambs. More than four million food animals died from thirst, starvation and exposure to mountain blizzards. The average annual meat loss in this way is estimated at two billion pounds—or twenty pounds a year for every man, woman and child in the United States. To say nothing of the suffering of the poor creatures, such waste in these times of scarcity ought if possible to be prevented. But how?

In a published article Mrs. Minnie Madden Fiske, the well known actress, who is also president of the National League to Conserve Food Animals, blames the Northwestern stockmen for callousness and neglect, and urges that in crisis when the exposed animals can not be saved, the ranchers should "ride the range and shoot." This would put the poor suffering creatures out of their misery wherever they could be reached, but would not make for conservation. Others have urged that in winter abundance of feed be provided with government aid for the cattle and sheep of the Northwestern ranges, but the obvious difficulty would be the distribution of such feed. In the midst of winter blizzards and deep snows no amount of labor and expense could make this plan more than in a measure successful. The only genuine solution possible would seem to be the transfer of the cattle and sheep to less exposed ranges farther south, but whether this would be practicable even with government backing is open to question.

America led in the matter of invention, the Wright brothers being the first of humankind to navigate the blue in heavier-than-air machine but later Europe forged ahead in the development and application of aviation to practical uses. When the great war came in 1914 Europe had reached a greater readiness in skill and equipment for the military employment of the airplane, and now Europe again takes precedence in the matter of passenger travel through the air. It is true that we have our air mail routes, and for some time it has been possible at various points in this country for persons with the necessary cash and nerve to take a sky ride at a cost of about a dollar a minute. It is true also that the opening of a passenger service between New York and Atlantic City in a twenty-passenger airplane has been announced.

But air travel at relatively small cost is no longer a new thing in Europe. There are established air routes between London and Paris and between Paris and nearly all the important continental cities these being not only safe but reasonably cheap. It is said that special trips can be arranged to almost any point in Europe at 30 cents a mile and regular schedule trips cost less. The well patronized London-Paris route saves seven of the ten hours required by steamer and train. Though slower to get into the game, America will no doubt do bigger things in the end. In addition to the New York-Atlantic City passenger route already opened several others are now in process of organization, the Government's successful air mail pioneering having borne its calculated fruit. The time coming no only when an American who has not traveled by airplane will be as out of touch as one who had never traveled by train half a century ago.

Wool and silk have declined in value and are likely to follow, according to a report from London. The report promises a decline in sales more than the preceding report indicated.

Whatever the result of the election, our next President will be an Ohio newspaper man.

Remember your dead. W. S. Cook and Co. Monuments with Lawrence Frye Funeral Director. 20817

The country is anxiously awaiting the decision of the United States Railway Labor Board, to be made in Chicago tomorrow. On the outcome of this decision will depend the action of railroad men, who, it is intimated, may walk out if the increase in wages is not satisfactory.

"Protesting in tax sales" does not have a good sound to the people of Washington county, and a thorough investigation should be made into the alleged methods of a number of people who are supposed to be in this business for profit.

It is said the government is going to lose the war on the front of the peach, which appears to be a nation-wide at the present time. If reports are true, there is a lot of stuff of more than 2.75 per cent being disposed of at the present time.

Peach Tree Grown in Pot.

Recent importations of the United States bureau of plant industry include a potted peach tree from Rev. George Campbell, a South China missionary. A tree of this kind is supposed to ripen five pounds of edible cling stone peaches. The plant is said to come true to seed, and it is predicted that fruit growers will develop a remarkable new race of dwarf peaches.

Nature's Method of Storage.

In lower animals and in savage races nature stores up food for time of famine by converting it into fat. This provision of nature still operates, despite the lack of the necessity for it, among civilized peoples, and the result is corpulence. By substituting fats for the fatness of old, the flesh can be brought to normal with no bad effects.

Lisbon's Gambling Clubs.

The Portuguese are born gamblers and the most brilliant side of their night life is found in the exclusive clubs of the city of Lisbon. Wonderfully appointed, with added attractions of excellent dining rooms, music, dancing, reading rooms and libraries, they are kept alive by one thing—the Portuguese love of play.

Just a Hint.

Gerald lives downstairs and comes up whenever he smells something good being made. One day was doughnut day and Gerald, being cautioned by his mother never to ask for anything, said: "I mustn't ask for anything, but—um—them doughnuts smell good!"

Probably He Did.

As Mary came running in from play the other day she met her grandfather, whom she had never seen before and who had very long whiskers. "Oh," she exclaimed when she saw him, "do you keep those whiskers on all the time, even when you go to bed?"

"Some" Talker.

Jimmy had been over playing with the little boy who had just moved in across the street. When he came home I asked him how he liked the new neighbor. He replied, "I like him fine for games, but he is the talkingest kid you ever heard."—Chicago Tribune.

First to Cultivate Tobacco.

John Rolfe was the first white man who cultivated tobacco systematically—making it the principal crop of the plantation. "Varina," on the James, to which he took his bride, the Indian king's daughter. He began his operations in 1611.

Much Truth in Her Remark.

In a Western court a certain man was defending himself in a suit for divorce. "She's unreasonable," he contended, adding, "why the other day she called me the laziest man in the world because I threw a kiss at her."

Casting by Centrifugal Force.

A Brazilian engineer has invented a process for casting iron pipe by centrifugal force, which distributes the molten metal within revolving cylindrical molds that are water cooled.

Enormous Gas Waste.

Poor construction of pipe lines is the cause assigned for the loss in one year of natural gas valued at \$9,000,000 in the states of Missouri and Kansas alone.

Daily Thought.

As a vessel is known by the sound, whether it be cracked or not, so men are proved by their speeches, whether they be wise or foolish.—Demosthenes.

Good Time to Do It.

"I can't see those socialists," said Uncle Eben. "When a man comes around talkin' dat red doctrine, right dar is where I gits color blind."

Leaves Superior to Berries.

In coffee-growing countries a suggestion of the leaves of the plant is held by many to be superior to that made from berries.

Optimistic Thought.

Persons with the least knowledge are apt to be the greatest talkers.

Penny as Financial Barometer.

The cent is the barometer of business, and it is interesting to note that during financial depression a large number of these coins accumulate in the treasury. Even a big storm or a strike will cut down the number of pennies in circulation, for the penny-saving public is indoors, or else forced to save for "rainy days" that threaten. It is a sign of prosperity when large numbers of pennies are in circulation.

Human Temperature.

According to the hour of the day, man's temperature varies. It is lowest at about 3:30 o'clock in the morning, when it averages 97 degrees Fahrenheit; from then it gradually rises until it reaches a maximum of between 98 and 99 degrees Fahrenheit at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon, after which it falls. This is the temperature of the armpit, which is always slightly lower than that inside the body.

Accidental French.

An American lady in Paris wanted some water, but could not make the maid understand she wanted it hot. After several vain attempts, she explained in disgust: "Sho!" The maid brightened up suddenly, went off and returned with a pitcher of hot water. It was not until some time afterward that the lady learned from a friend that the girl had evidently mistaken "Sho!" for "hot."—Boston Transcript.

"Whence Victrola."

Emil Berliner invented the graphophone, which was manufactured by Victor Franklin of Camden, N. J. At a reorganization meeting of the company owning the patent, held in the office of Victor Franklin, the matter of finding a better name for the graphophone was discussed. The name of Victor Franklin was suggested, but the term Victrola, which was adopted.

Her Idea of It.

Myra had heard much about brother's being a sort of expert of cutting teeth, and anticipating the honor of being allowed to push his paragonator in front of the house she was quite prepared to answer an inquiring woman as to his crying, which she did thus: "Me thinks him's got a bad cold, but maybe it's 'cause him's hatchin' reef."

Feet of Peacocks.

The usefulness of the peacock's feet is a matter of remark in classic literature. Reference is even made to it in fables. Which is illustrative of the ease with which mistaken ideas are circulated and maintained. For the fact is that the peacock's feet are not ugly at all. They are rather handsome than otherwise.

Juvenile Hermit.

Amos was a quiet, staid child, inclined to be too much by himself. His mother thought, seeing him playing in the back yard alone, she asked him why he didn't go and play with some of the other boys occasionally. "Oh," replied the child, "they disturb my think. I like to be alone with me."

New Source of Platinum Supply.

In testing native ore for gold a California chemist, says Popular Mechanics Magazine, discovered that the ordinary gold treatment, with supplementary process, extracted platinum in the form of platinum black and in quantities up to several ounces to the ton.

Hibernating Animals' Vitality.

During the winter months the blood of all hibernating animals gets lower in temperature and the heart beats slower, and those are the two chief reasons why they are able to get along without eating, for their store of vitality laid up during the summer is only slowly drawn upon.

Stains on Photos After Fixing.

The brown or yellow stains which are sometimes found on photographic prints after being taken out of the fixing bath can be prevented by mixing a tablespoonful of vinegar in the water in which the prints are washed after being developed.

Some of the Toys with which the Chinese Amuse themselves are as large as barrels.

It takes three men to spin one, and it gives off a sound that may be heard several hundred yards distant.—Baltimore American.

From the Billville Banner.

While meat has been recommended as a substitute for beef and bacon, but while we can catch whales all right, it's too big a job to tote 'em home."

Jud Tunkins.

"There are times," said Jud Tunkins, "when a man who poses as an optimist has to be a mighty good actor."

Banish All Vices.

What maintains one vice would bring up two children.—Benjamin Franklin.

Lapp Language Like Finnish.

The Lapp language resembles that of the Finnish people.

YIELDS TO MARCH OF TIME

Old Hotel in Quincy, Mass., Associated With Famous Men, Is to Become Business Block.

The old Hancock house, situated in City square, Quincy, has ceased to be a hotel. The present owner of the property, Henry M. Faxon, is to have the upper part removed and the first floor converted into a large business block. The hotel has only provided sleeping quarters for a number of years.

In the days of the old stage coach the Hancock house was one of the best of the hotels of southeastern Massachusetts and the first place to which travelers resorted for refreshments. Among the distinguished men who have been entertained there was Daniel Webster, going to and from his home on the old Plymouth coach. On account of Mr. Webster's liberality in dispensing good cheer it was frequently a long time before the coach was able to proceed on its trip. Mr. Webster was always generous in his tips to the stable boys and bell hops of those ancient days and history says that he often threw \$5 goldpieces to the scrambling boys in the hotel yard.

TURNING TO HOME GARDENS

Indications Are That People Are Beginning to Realize the Danger of a Food Famine.

A local seed store was crowded with customers.

"What does this mean?" the proprietor was asked.

"I guess it means that other people are thinking what I do," he said, "that unless food production is speeded up there'll be famine conditions in this country in 1921. Farmers say they can't get help in order to produce our food as usual, and it's up to every man to help himself. We run as high as 1,500 customers a day here. This is in addition to a big mail-order business. It's going to keep up like this all through the month, too. It did last year."

The seed man said that sales indicated that persons who decided to retire from the home-garden business, now that the war is over, have changed their ideas, and that the number of home gardens is increasing instead of diminishing.

He added that it is strange that while there was much crop shortage last year seeds of all kinds, with the probable exception of peas, are in ample supply.—Indianapolis News.

Stenographer Extraordinary.

Two members of the bar were trying a replevin suit in the superior court recently and in the course of the trial got into a sharp wrangle—as lawyers sometimes do—over the admission of a certain piece of evidence. The wrangle resolved itself into an oral battle in which both lawyers tried to talk at once.

They spoke in loud tones and at a rapid-fire unit. When the smoke had cleared away and the case was over they were quite surprised to learn that the court stenographer had been able to get down in his book every word they had said, despite the fact they were both talking at the same time. The clerk of courts commented on the feat.

"Oh," remarked one of the lawyers, "that little chap could take down a half-ton and never miss a stone."—Portland Express.

Fading Shrines of Oriental Splendor.

To me, after revisiting the East after an absence of ten years, it seems as if all its splendid past and all its present discontent were recorded and symbolized in the imperial palaces of Peking, Seoul and Tokyo. Ten years ago all three were the habitations of emperors, sacred spots from whose mysterious depths issued the edicts whereat men trembled and obeyed. Today the Son of Heaven and the Lord of the Morning Calm have gone their ways, to join the mournful company of kings in exile. Only his majesty of Tokyo remains, a dim, mysterious figure in the medieval seclusion of Chiyoda, a picturesque survival of old Japan, like an idol in a shrine, a sort of living Buddha in the great new city throbbing with machinery.—J. O. P. Brand in Asia.

Apocryphal of the popular interest in the ouija board, a correspondent says: "An experiment in unconscious cerebration may be made in this way. Take a 5-cent piece and to it attach a fine silk thread with a bit of sealing wax. Then take an empty tumbler and suspend the nickel in the center of the glass, holding the thread tightly between the thumb and finger and resting the elbow on the 'funny bone.' Then, without conscious volition of the muscles, think of its movement east, west, north or south, or returning to the center. You will find that the coin will obey the thought, although you give consciously no direction for the movement."—From the Outlook.

Short-Sighted Mortals.

The golden moments in the stream of life rush past us, and we see nothing but sand; the angel came to visit us, and we only knew them when they are gone.—George Eliot.

CHINESE TURNING TO SPORTS

Necessity for Physical Culture is Beginning to Be Recognized in the New Republic.

Physical culture and all types of athletics were, until very recently, held in contempt by the Chinese, and consequently the Shanghai boys did not know what the joy of indulging in baseball and other sports meant, says Boyd Liff. Ages ago chariot driving, archery and the other classic sports played an important part in Chinese education. With the dawning of China's literary golden age, however, the scholars could not see how mental perfection could be attained if there was any thought of athletic prowess. Muscles and brawn they said, belonged to the peasant, and the gentleman of culture should show his good breeding by a scholarly pallor, stooped shoulders and a general unhealthy appearance.

This attitude toward physical development persisted for centuries, and it has been only within the last few decades that interest has been awakened in sports. With the introduction of new educational methods and the entrance of occidental theories into the orient, athletics once more came into their own and the Chinese student looked up his eye and his dignity and went in for pole vaulting and hurdling.

China has now the idea that a national physical culture is a large part of her physical and mental development, and missionaries and little difficulty in winning subscriptions for athletic fields for the schools.

First Jap Woman Journalist.

The first Japanese woman to edit a woman's page in her country, Miyo Kohashi, is studying journalism at Columbia university in preparation for teaching journalism in the Tokyo Choto college next year. A decade ago women journalists were unheard of and undreamed of in Japan. Now many women are growing interested in the profession, but very few of them have had special training for the work. That is why Miss Kohashi is preparing to teach the subject. "Women in Japan are living the newspaper profession," says Miss Kohashi, "and already in Tokyo we have a club of twenty women journalists." Miss Kohashi is a Japanese representative of an interesting group of women students of 23 nationalities who form the International Order of the Y. W. C. A. at Columbia university.

Simple Logic.

The end of Portantington, who was one of the first to volunteer for service during the railway strike in England, relates the following story: A boy went on duty at one of the London termini, feeling the pangs of hunger about eleven o'clock one morning, began a vigorous attack on a substantial lunch he had brought with him. A gentleman passing by was moved to remark: "My boy, if you eat much now you won't have any appetite for your dinner." To which the smart little fellow replied: "Well, I guess if I haven't any appetite I shan't want any dinner." The gentleman had no more to say.

Season of Peru.

At this season of the year it is folly to close your bedroom without turning on the light. Also do not attempt to sit on the edge of the bed unless you are sure the bed is there, for this is house-cleaning time and the women folks may have decided to put the bed on the other side of the room this year, so it is well to be careful, for you never can tell.—Knox Messenger.

That Dose Should Be Effective.

"What are you treating me for, doctor?" "Loss of memory. You have owed me a bill of \$60 for two years."—Boston Transcript.

Somewhat Elderly "Boy."

"What's the matter with Flossie tonight?" somebody asked Tessie Tabasco in the dressing room, indicating one of the girls who was showing unmistakable signs of temper. "Her 'boy' promised to take her out to dinner tonight, and then didn't turn up." "How was that?" "According to what she said his favorite grandchild is very ill."

Massage for Lumbago.

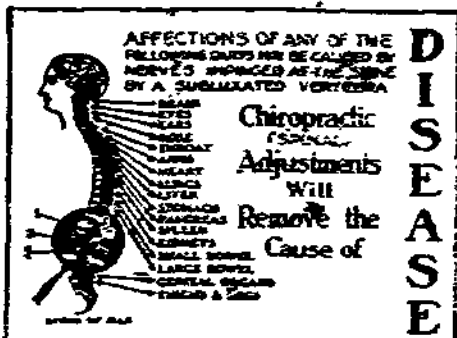
Lumbago, according to Doctor Po-metta, head of the medical department of the Swiss Accident Insurance Institute, may be purely rheumatic, or result from strain to a muscle, or be produced by a chill when overheated. He says massage is the best treatment, and that recovery should take place in from six to eight days at the outside.

Locusts Used as Food.

Locusts are eaten in many countries where they are roasted or fried in butter. They are also preserved in brine and often dried in the sun. They thus appear in the markets of Arabia, Syria, Egypt and Madagascar, and are even exported as an article of commerce. They are also candied and eaten as a delicacy in China.

Use for Luminous Paint.

Various kinds of luminous paints, covered with transparent varnish, are used for the purpose of making watch hands visible at night. The chemicals that give this property of phosphorescence to the paint are chiefly the sulphides of strontium, barium and calcium.



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LEARN THE DANGER SIGNAL

Nature Always Gives Warning to Those "Below Par," and It Should Be Recognized.

Influenza, colds and other scourges due to germs pass by those who are at "par" and find their victims in those "below par." That expression, used medically, means that your power of resistance is lowered, the red corpuscles in your blood decrease and your spirits—an important factor—are "down," says a writer in London Answers.

A physician has pointed out that most of us can quite easily tell when we are below par, and then it is up to us to "boost" ourselves over the period of depression until the normal health returns.

A smoker below par either does not smoke or his tobacco gives him but a small proportion of his usual enjoyment.

A brain worker below par is conscious that, for some reason or other, he has to overconcentrate himself on his work.

Other people get ragged in temper and with no apparent cause. The cause, of course, is because they are below par.

A manual worker finds that his tools "jolt" most unaccountably. Others are "off their feed," and neither the contemplation of a meal nor the eating of it gives them any pleasure.

Some find that noises usually unnoticed annoy and torment. Others, again, get "stuck" and some get a touch of insomnia. There is no "below par" symptom applicable to everybody, and it is therefore necessary and very wise to find out—as one can do by observation—our own particular danger signal, and act accordingly—and in time!

LAST WORD IN DICTIONARY

Possibly Few Know What It Is, and Really It Is Not of Great Importance.

Do you know the last word in the dictionary?

It begins with the last three letters of the alphabet, placed in their reverse order, and it means an "Indian libellous dragon fly having a large head, narrow face and very large eyes." The word is "zyzomma." This is in the New Standard dictionary.

Webster's New International stops one short of this, listing its final word as "zythum," explained as being "a kind of ancient malt beverage," which the Standard calls a "very excellent beer that Diogenes, though wholly unaccustomed to it, affirmed to have been scarcely inferior to the juice of the grape."

Together, then, the two dictionaries, with beer and a dragon fly, make fairly unimportant endings.

Reading up the column from "zyzomma," one must traverse strange territory for a distance of 62 words before one reaches "Zuider Zee," the first—or rather the last fairly widely known term in the dictionary. Between this Dutch sea and the libellous fly is a semi-desert country, studied numerously with such thorny obstructions as "Zygaenidae," "zygemaecae" and "zygomillare."

No wonder you were unacquainted with the last word in your dictionary. You are excused.—Kansas City Star.

Most Remarkable Cave.

Howes cave situated 23 miles from Albany, N. Y., probably the most remarkable cavern known, was discovered by Lester Howes, for whom it was named, in 1842. Howes penetrated to a distance of 11 to 12 miles, but visitors do not generally go farther than four miles. The cavern was also called the Ostunage cave, and is considered one of the wonders of the continent.

The entrance to the cave is about 50 feet above the valley, and the rock chambers known as the Reception room, Washington hall, the Bridal chamber, and the chapel, are successively reached. Then the Harlequin tunnel is traversed, and the visitor passes through Cataract hall, Ghost room and Music hall.

Cincinnati is one of six places in the world where steel is strengthened by being boiled in oil. At a plant in Carthage, a steel shaft weighing 30,000 pounds, the largest piece ever subjected to the new method, went through the process of being strengthened. It was a "hollow bored tumbler shaft" for use in dredging gold in California, costing about \$12,000. The great shaft was first suspended in an upright furnace until heated to just below the melting point. A crane then picked it up and dropped it into a huge well of oil, where it boiled and spattered, throwing out clouds of oily mist.

Puzzle for Archeologists.

Archeologists are puzzled by the prehistoric carving of a lion near Vera Cruz. Efforts have been made to trace the origin of this little known relic of prehistoric America, but have thus far proved futile. The similarity to the African lion rather than the mountain lion of this hemisphere has added to the mystery.

Ingenuous Way to Save Gas.

A woman's invention to save gas at the gas range makes the weight of pot or kettle on the burner throw open a valve which allows the gas to burn full force, while with the removal of that weight the valve closes to a point where it cuts off all the gas except an amount barely sufficient to support a pilot light.

Measuring Fatigue.

An unique method has been discovered to measure just how tired one's body becomes after hours of work, says Boys' Life. A line is drawn across the forearm with a sharp point, not sharp enough to break the skin, but only to drive out the blood and leave a straight white line on the skin. An observer holding a stop-watch measures the time it takes for the blood to rush back into the skin and the white line to fade. The exact number of seconds and fraction of a second is recorded. This test is repeated say at intervals of one hour all day until the working hours are over. When these readings are plotted on paper a curve is drawn which tells at a glance just how one's energy ebbs throughout the day. There is always a marked jump in the line after lunch hour.

The Date Palm.

The date palm differs from other trees in that the trunk is not solid, but its center is filled with pith, round which is a tough bark, full of strong fibers when young, which, as the tree grows old, harden and become liqueous. To this bark, the leaves are closely joined, which in the center rise erect, but after they are advanced above the sheath that surrounds them, they expand very wide on every side of the stem, and, as the older leaves decay, the stalk advances in height. The leaves, when the tree has grown to a size for bearing fruit, are six to eight feet long; are very broad when spread out, and are used for covering the tops of houses or similar purposes.

Amber.

Amber comes in round, irregularly shaped lumps. Its color ranges from a pale yellow to a reddish brown. It is sometimes transparent and sometimes opaque. When it is heated gradually in an oil bath it becomes soft and flexible and may be worked easily. Two pieces may be united by smearing the surface with linseed oil and then pressing them together while hot. Clonely amber may be clarified by boiling it in oil, as the oil fills the numerous pores to which the turbid appearance of the amber is due. Formerly the small bits of amber cast off in making objects were wasted or ground up for use in varnish, but now they are pressed together into "ambroid" or "pressed amber."

Cheeriness.

We all know some persons of whom it is said that they carry sunshine wherever they go. Helen Hunt Jackson says: "Cheeriness is a thing to be more profoundly grateful for than all that genius ever inspired or talent ever accomplished. Next best to natural, spontaneous cheeriness, is deliberate, intended and persistent cheeriness, which we can create, can cultivate and can so foster and cherish that after a few years the world will never suspect that it was not a hereditary gift." Such persons are always and everywhere welcome. Consider the opposite character. Who wishes to live with a grumbler?

Turbulent Constantinople.

Six hundred years before Christ was cradled, Constantinople, then known as Byzantium, was a great seat of commerce, spreading its palaces, its temples and stately streets over the whole peninsula on which its successor stands today. Even in those days it was the center and cause of almost ceaseless strife between Persians, Gauls and Greeks, who cast envious eyes on the "Pearl of the Bosphorus." Siege followed siege; again and again its streets ran red with blood before, in the year 330 A. D., Constantine the Great turned his back on Rome to make a splendid metropolis of his empire in the city which he renamed after himself.

Careful Utterance.

It is unusual for a politician to go through life always addressing audiences, and yet always avoiding the orator's temptation to please and captivate by extravagant and false sentiment and statement. The writer, and particularly the political writer, is tempted to this sort of immorality, but still more the speaker, for with the latter the reward of applause is prompt and seductive. It is amazing to look over Lincoln's record and find how seldom he went beyond bounds, how responsible and conscientious his utterances long before these utterances became of national importance. —Richard Watson Gilder.

Wax for Phonograph Records.

The wax made use of in the manufacture of phonograph cylinders is from the carnauba, a wax palm. The best quality comes from the young and tender leaves. They are cut at three different periods during the wax season, which extends from September to March. Two thousand leaves are required to make from twenty-five to thirty pounds of wax. The leaves are dried in the sun and then thoroughly beaten with flails to remove the wax. The raw material is melted in boiling water and strained to remove foreign matter. The strained mass hardens quickly and turns a light yellow.

Proof of It.

He—"I don't think I'd like to marry any girl unless I knew she was self-sacrificing." She—"But wouldn't marrying you prove that she was?" —Boston Transcript.

HOW COBBLER FOOLED DEVIL

Good Story of the Discomfiture of the Enemy of Mankind Told in Old Chronicle.

The old story about the mischief done in the parish of Whitby, England, called the Townbeck is related by Capt. Harry Lewis in the "Archæologia Combeensis."

"Once upon a time the devil quarreled with the people of the Rhonda, and he determined to destroy them, so he dug up a spate of English earth and set out to turn the Rhonda into a lake. He walked till he reached the foot of Rhonda, which is about a mile from the old smithy of Hely St. Jervis; and, feeling tired, and, as being hot, he sat down to rest. Looking up, he espied a cobbler coming down the hill with a sack on his back. The cobbler had been, as was then the custom, going round the countryside collecting shoes to be mended, and the sack was full of shoes that needed soiling. 'Good day,' said the devil; 'how far is it to Castle Cough?' The cobbler was no fool, and, recognizing at once with whom he had to deal, guessed that the devil was mocking him, and, displaying the old shoes with soles full of holes, answered that he had worn them all out walking from Castle Cough. The devil was too tired to pursue what he imagined must be a very long journey, and in disgust threw the spateful of earth over the hedge; and, as the old cobbler, who told me the story said, 'there is the mound to prove the truth of the story.'"

SOME FISH OF RECORD SIZE

Finny Monster Claimed to Have Been Taken Off New Jersey—Remarkable Devil Fish.

America claims to have caught the largest fish on record—an enormous ray harpooned off New Jersey, weighing four tons, and needing six oxen and 22 men to drag it ashore. The battle with the fish lasted nine hours, and it lashed up spray to a height of over 30 feet.

Allowance must be made for some exaggeration, but there are records of cases where gigantic rays, or fish, have been harpooned.

One taken off Jamaica was so big that it took 40 men to drag it along the beach. Even rays caught in British waters are sometimes of great size, like one that was sold in the fish market at Cambridge. It weighed 224 pounds, and when cooked and served at St. John's college was sufficient to make a meal for 120 persons.

A ray 18 feet across and 30 feet round was trapped in Table bay, while off the Bahama islands the natives once harpooned a gigantic skate measuring something like 10 feet across the flippers.

Strange Draughts Boards.

Probably the most extraordinary draught board in the world was constructed at St. Leonard, England, in 1501. It was made of solid blocks of concrete, three feet thick, and its surface covered an area of 625 square feet. A draught board, which at one time belonged to Bismarck, is estimated to have cost more than \$90,000. The squares are made of solid gold and silver. This draught board was declared by experts to be the most valuable in existence. A set of draughtsmen, 12 of gold and 12 of silver, were presented to the prince. In the center of each golden draught was a beautiful ruby, while inlaid in the center of each silver one was a peerless diamond. A quaint old draught board is still to be seen hanging as a sign outside the Chequers Inn, Osmontheley. Its interest lies in the fact that neither the original painter of the sign, nor the landlord of the inn, was a draughts player. The board has 58 squares, whereas a real draught board contains 64.

Two Chicago children were visiting their grandparents on a farm northeast of Munich. It was their first experience of the kind, and they were interested in everything they saw. The milking operation was especially absorbing. Hitherto their only knowledge of the origin of milk was that it came in bottles from the grocer's. Discussing the milking a little later with his sister, Arthur, who is seven, concluded: "But I ain't got much respect. Helen, for that cow that's as 'sassy' flattered as grandpa's cows are. Grandpa calls 'em 'Boss,' when they ain't boss at all, and that seems to tickle 'em so they give up all their milk, when if they had any sense they'd keep it for their own use." —In Indianapolis News.

Peddlers of Parrots.

Novel to the eye of a stranger visiting Argentina is the parrot peddler often seen on the streets of the towns who carries his feathered stock-in-trade in cages, or sometimes perched on his head and shoulders.

That country, of course, is too far south to have native parrots, and most of the birds are imported from Brazil. Argentina means "silvery," or "Land of Silver." Its principal river, and one of the greatest in the world, is called the River of Silver, "plata," being another word for the same metal. The names thus bestowed on their origin to the fact that early explorers along the Rio de la Plata found much silver in use by the aborigines for personal ornament.—Public Ledger, Philadelphia.

WHY WRITE DULL LETTERS?

Correspondence May Be Made Interesting if a Little Thought Is Given to It.

Most people think before they speak, but only a few think before they write. I have a friend, says a writer in London Answers, and she is a girl who always keeps her friends; partly, I am sure, because, however far away they are, it is never too much trouble to write them long and interesting letters. These though tales may stretch between them, she can always keep her friends very near to her in thought.

She does not write off anything that comes into her head; she always considers the point of view. If the particular friend she is writing to is fond of sport she writes of her fond of books, that the latest books are discussed; if music is a favorite, then music finds a place in her letters. And always through them all there runs a little vein of humor.

So many people suffer from lack of tact. For instance, some time ago, when my mother was about to undergo a very serious operation, it became necessary to discuss her condition, and hence for a time some of the letters were depressing for words.

One day, when I was writing to her, I wrote saying how sorry she was to hear of my mother's great misfortune, and how it often happened that very active women ended their days as bedridden invalids. And how she once knew of a lady who caught cold after a snuff operation and contracted some awful kind of incurable "trick."

One always considers people in conversation. Then why not in letter writing? One does not talk religion before an atheist, nor let the conversation verge on the frivolous before a curate.

Letters require just as much thought.

DISCOVERY OF HOLY CROSS

Story Goes That the Empress Helena Was Responsible for Its Recovery From the Jews.

Through the zeal of the Empress Helena, mother of Constantine the Great, was discovered the cross on which the Savior was crucified, and the date is given as May 3. The story usually told is to the effect that the empress went to Jerusalem and there compelled the Jews to bring the cross from its concealment and give it to her, together with other crosses in their possession. Its identity was established by a miracle: The body of a dead man was placed on each of the crosses, and when it touched the true one the dead man immediately came to life. Many pilgrims traveling to Jerusalem received pieces of the true cross, and the question was raised as to the possibility of supplying thousands with those fragments without entirely carrying away the cross. It was therefore said that the true cross had the power of reproducing itself. On the capture of Jerusalem in 614, the cross was taken, was carried into Persia, where it remained until restored by Heraclius, which event is commemorated in September and is usually called Holyrood day. The four nails were distributed so that two were placed in the imperial crown, one brought to France, and another thrown into the Adriatic to quiet its turbulence.

Ouija Supplanted Planchette.

The planchette was a thin, heart-shaped piece of wood supported on two casters at the end of the base, and on an ordinary pencil at the apex, popular about 1800 to 1880, before the ouija board supplanted it. The pencil could readily be made to trace characters without conscious movement on the part of the operator. If the fingertips were placed upon this device.

Like the ouija board, the planchette was used by two classes of persons. It was used by the believers in spiritualism, who asked questions of a spiritual control, and believed that they received answers from the intelligences on the spirit plane, and by people who regarded the mechanism as a game, and amused themselves by pushing it to write messages for the benefit of others present.

There is no sillier affectation than that of old worldism. To rave about Sir Robert Browne and know nothing of William Cobbett is foolish. To turn your back upon your own time is simply to provoke living wags, with rudimentary but effective humor, to chalk opprobrious epithets upon your person. But on the other hand, to depend upon your contemporaries for literary sustenance, to be reduced to scan the lists of "Forthcoming Works" with a hungry eye, to complain of a dearth of new poems, and new novels, and new sermons, is worse than affectation—it is stupidity.—Augustine Birrell.

Checking Fire in Films.

The celluloid films used for motion pictures ignite easily and burn rapidly, necessitating the installation of special protective equipment. A European inventor has combined a new chemical with an ingenious method of applying it, which saves, it is asserted, all of the film except the portion first ignited. The film in the projecting machine is surrounded by a ring of tubing with inner perforations, connected with an iron tank containing the chemical, a colorless liquid. A valve near the operator's hand enables the flow to be started instantly.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

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